



FLORENCE MELLY

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thank You, Farewell and Good Luck!

It is with a very heavy heart that I write to you all today to say a final farewell to three long-standing members of our team. Tomorrow marks the last day at Florence Melly Community Primary School for Mr Baillie, Miss Latta and Miss Harris; and our school simply will not be the same without them! I am disappointed not to be in school to be with them for their last day but I could not let them leave without saying a few words - that is the very least that they deserve for serving your children, our school and our community so brilliantly over many years.

Miss Harris has been with us for seven and a half wonderful years and she has expertly supported pupils in both Early Years and Key Stage 1, during her time at our school. Fulfilling a range of roles; from working on a 1:1 basis, to small group work and whole-class support, Miss Harris always puts the children first and everyone will miss her dearly, particularly those in Year 1. Her passion for your children shone through each and every day and that is going to be really difficult to replace. Rest assured, we will do everything in our power to make sure that Miss Harris is successfully replaced and that the children continue to receive the support they need and deserve. Good luck Miss Harris, the Home Office are lucky to have you!

Miss Latta, who leaves us for a second time, is off on an exciting adventure, travelling the world. Whilst I admire (and am jealous of) her decision, she will leave a monumental hole in our school, which will be almost impossible to fill. Miss Latta has proven to be an exceptional class teacher and a brilliant EYFS Lead; continually improving standards for our youngest children. It is no mean feat successfully and skilfully welcoming new children to our school each and every year and Miss Latta has ensured that these children and families receive the best support, that their transition is seamless and that they settle into life at our school. You never know, she may well return for a third stint...fingers crossed! Good luck Miss Latta, whatever the future brings!

And lastly, our Assistant Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead, Mr Baillie, moves on to pastures new, taking up a dream role with Liverpool Football Club. Mr Baillie has formed part of our school's leadership team for many years and has contributed immensely to raising standards and providing many memorable experiences for your children. He has been integral in everything we have achieved over the last few years and has always been there to support our families - above and beyond his role and job description. He gives up so much time outside of school hours to safeguard, help and offer words of wisdom and solutions to problems. The number of Class Dojo messages he posts and responds to each and every day ensures that our school functions effectively. We do have short term plans to backfill Mr Baillie's role but undoubtedly, when you lose a Senior Leader, it is going to have an impact on the school - and in Mr Baillie's case, we have very big shoes to fill. Little does he know that we will have him on speed dial, to make sure that our

relationship with the football club continues and thrives with Mr Baillie working on the other side. Good luck Mr Baillie - go and live the dream!

All three leavers have formed part of the fabric of our school in recent years and they will be deeply missed! We would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best with their future endeavours.

They will always and forever be members of our Flo Melly family.

I look forward to seeing you all in the new year and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas. Enjoy the festivities with your families.

Take care and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr Leach', enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Mr Leach
Headteacher

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